

REVOLUTIONARY GREAT ALLIANCE MUST BE PROMOTED
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Chairman Mao's latest instruction has reached north and south of the Yangtze River and inside and outside of the Great Wall, whipping up a torrential current of the revolutionary great alliance.

The working class, proletarian revolutionaries, Red Guard young fighters in Peking, Shanghai and other places in China greeted our respected leader Chairman Mao and the CCP Central Committee with their new victories in the revolutionary mass alliance. The jubilant sound of gongs reverberated and countless posters reporting on the happy news lighted the sky with red.

The revolutionary great alliance is an irresistible, great current of history. This current is a still heavier blow on the handful of party persons in authority taking the capitalist road, and the most fierce assault on the factionalist tendencies of the petty-bourgeoisie. This current will serve to organize millions upon millions of the masses and move a mighty revolutionary army into action to insure that the great proletarian cultural revolution will advance forward along Chairman Mao's proletarian revolutionary line.

Every revolutionary fighter should hail the advent of such a current and offer himself to its development. The revolutionary great alliance is the inevitable trend for the development of the great proletarian cultural revolution and the common wish of all the workers, peasants, and soldiers as well as the broad revolutionary masses throughout the country. We must promote the revolutionary great alliance in the course of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation. Only by uniting as one can we do a good job in carrying out the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation and the struggle-criticism-transformation in our own units. All the erroneous ideas incompatible with the requirements of the revolutionary great alliance and with Chairman Mao's great strategic plan should be promptly corrected and overcome in good time.

On the path of the revolutionary great alliance, certain comrades are always acting like a woman with bound feet, walking waveringly and grumbling: walk too fast, walk too fast. They stubbornly cling to the heavy burden of old accounts and their small mountain strongholds. They cannot walk fast, but they seek to drag other people. But, the current of history is always developing according to its own law. Those who hold fast to egoism and those who advocate "slow down," thinking that the conditions for the revolutionary great alliance are not yet ripe will fall far behind the current of history if they do not change their course. Chairman Mao taught us: "There is no fundamental clash of interests within the working class. Under the dictatorship of the proletariat, there is no reason whatsoever for the working class to split into two great irreconcilable organizations."

This latest instruction of Chairman Mao has provided us with a key to bringing about the revolutionary great alliance. Those who still hanker after their small mountain strongholds should eliminate their selfish ideas and liberate themselves from the small world of the factionalist tendencies of the petty-bourgeoisie. Only thus can we take into account the interests on the basis of the whole situation, the interests of the proletariat and the interests of the great proletarian cultural revolution. Only thus can we open wide our realm of thought.

Let us energetically promote and bring about the revolutionary great alliance in the high tide of the revolutionary mass criticism and repudiation.

Working class of the country promptly unite, Red Guard Young fighters promptly unite, and proletarian revolutionaries on all fronts promptly unite to win new merits and to meet with new victories in the current of history of the revolutionary great alliance.